GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Co-operation and help required by the District Boards.

READ—

Letter No. H. C. 52—26-27, dated 2nd April 1927, from the President of the Kolar District Board, stating that the instructions issued in letter No. 5070-85—L. B. 25-26-49, dated 31st January 1927, in regard to the disbursement of salaries of District Board servants is found impracticable in certain cases and that the co-operation of the Amildars and his staff in the Revenue Department are required in certain matters in order to enable the District Board to satisfactorily discharge its duties.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 4572—26-27, dated 6th June 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in the matter.

ORDER NO. L. 2260-79—L. B. 191-26-5, DATED 22ND SEPTEMBER 1928.

The Kolar District Board state that the Co-operation and help of the Amildars is required in the following matters:—

(1) Compilation of Vital Statistics every month and forwarding a Statement to the District Board Office.

(2) Report of epidemics.

(3) Supervision of the Rest Houses, Musafirkhanas, Travellers' Bungalows and Vaccinators and disbursement of salaries of servants on proper acquittance.

(4) Sale of right to collect fees in markets and recovery of the amount from the bidders. So also regarding jatras under the aegis of the District Boards.

(5) Co-ordination and prompt assistance regarding preventive measures against epidemics.

(6) Supervision over Vaccinator as also of care-takers and grant of casual leave and short leave not exceeding 15 days and making necessary arrangements.

(7) List of detailed credits and debits in the Treasury on account of District Funds for compilation of the monthly District Fund account with correct classification.

2. With regard to the compilation of Vital Statistics, rule No. 9 of the rules under the Births and Deaths Regulation issued under Notification No. G. 10529—Sany. 57-21-37, dated 14th March 1928, prescribes that Amildars should forward every month to the President, District Board, a copy of the Births and Deaths Registers with a review of the figures by hoblis. This ensures the co-operation referred to and no further orders are called for in the matter.

3. As regards reports of epidemics, the rules approved in Government Order No. G. 21371-402—Sany. 101-17-12 of 25th March 1919, for combating epidemics, do not provide for report of epidemics to the Presidents of the District Boards. Government direct that reports of epidemics be sent by the Amildars, and Deputy Amildars in regard to rural areas and Presidents of Municipal Councils in regard to urban areas other than City Municipal areas, to the President of the District Board concerned in addition to the Officers specified in rules 4 and 18 of the rules for combating epidemics.

4. As regards items (3) and (6), Government are pleased to direct that Amildars and Deputy Amildars should co-operate with the District Boards and when so desired by the District Board:—

(a) Arrange for the supervision by the Revenue establishment of Rest Houses, Musafirkhanas and Travellers' Bungalows,

(b) supervise the work of Vaccinators, and

(c) arrange for the disbursement of the salaries of the Vaccinators and the establishments attached to institutions specified in clause (a) above. Short leave up to 15 days and casual and compensation leave may be granted to this staff by the Amildar and Deputy Amildars, provided the District Boards delegate to them the necessary powers under Section 20 of the Mysore District Boards' Regulation.

5. In regard to item 4, Government have already communicated in their circular letter No. L. 5070-85—L. B. 25-26-49, dated 31st January 1927, that they have no objection to the Revenue Department undertaking the collection of the lease amounts in the case of markets. This work will be undertaken by Amildars and Deputy Amildars whenever the District Boards want their help. As regards fees, if any, levied by District Boards during jatras under the sanction of Government, the same procedure will be followed.

6. With regard to item 5, the responsibility of Amildars and Deputy Amildars in regard to prompt assistance regarding preventive measures has been defined in rule 6 of the rules for combating epidemics. The Officers should render all possible help to the District Boards in taking preventive measures against epidemics.

7. In regard to the last item, Government observe that expenditure from the District Fund is being incurred as a rule by means of cheques and that the Treasury Officer furnishes the President of the District Board with duplicate copies of the challans. The Comptroller is requested to see what further help has to be given to the Presidents in order that the accounts of District Boards may be correctly and punctually compiled. He is also requested to incorporate all necessary changes in the Local Fund Code under revision in his Office.

8. In this connection, Government consider it necessary to explain that as the District Boards have been working primarily for the benefit of the people, all Government Officers should freely co-operate with the Officers and Presidents and Vice-Presidents of District Boards. Correspondence addressed to officers of the several Departments by the B oard should be in the form of letters.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1927-28.

READ—

The Report on the working of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1927-28 received from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee with his letter No. 3025, dated the 28th August 1928.

ORDER NO. G. 4141-200—G. M. 42-28-3, DATED 1ST OCTOBER 1928.

Recorded.

2. The First Member of Council continued to be the President of the Committee throughout the year under report. The personnel of the Committee was reconstituted with effect from the 1st September 1927.

3. The Committee held four meetings during the year and considered in all 23 subjects relating to tenders, contracts, supplies and other matters. The number of orders placed during the year in foreign countries was 120 of the aggregate value of £103,021-11-9. The number of orders placed during the year in India was 222 of the aggregate value of Rs. 17,91,852. The total value of all the purchases made aggregated Rs. 31,65,473 as against Rs. 27,66,983-10-9 in the year previous.

4. Except Railway materials which were obtained through the Consulting Engineers Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton and certain other stores of the total value of about £12,344 which were purchased through Mr. H. D. Rice, all other stores were ordered by the Committee direct from the manufacturers.

5. The Committee have decided to utilize the home-spun cloth of the Badanaval Weaving Centre in the Chamrajnagar Taluk for the clothing required for the menials of the several offices including *Dasooti* for Railway porters, and for the bedding and clothing required for Hospitals. The Committee have also steadily kept in view the policy of encouraging local manufacturers and dealers whenever the quality and price of the articles they offer are equal to those of foreign manufacture.

6. The establishment and other charges of the Stores Purchase Committee amounted to Rs. 14,285 and the total cost on account of Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton, London, was Rs. 22,338-4-10. The commission paid to Mr. H. D. Rice on orders placed through him amounted to Rs. 3,137-9-3. Calculated on the value of both foreign and local purchases, the cost of the London Agency including the commission paid to Mr. Rice and the cost of the Stores Purchase Committee works out to ·92 per cent as against 1·25 per cent in the previous year.

7. In place of Messrs. The South Indian Exporting Co., Ltd. of Madras, Messrs. Best & Co., were appointed Clearing Agents to Government at Madras for a period of three years.

8. Government desire to place on record their appreciation of the work of the Committee during the year under report.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.